



**KENT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
ACADEMIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**PROJECT NAME:** Varnish! Babies Too in the WIC Setting

**SEMESTER:** Winter 2016

**PRECEPTOR:** Monica Smith

**DESCRIPTION:** The student will develop a model for providing dental varnish to WIC families within KCHD WIC clinics. The student will review other models used within the state and research effectiveness and sustainability. The student will learn about and explain billing practices, training/credentialing requirements for providers, research vendors for all necessary supplies and materials, and describe costs and potential revenues. The student will also be asked to research and define potential liabilities associated with this type of service. Finally, the student will work with Michigan Community Dental Clinics and the Kent County Oral Health Coalition to determine best practices and assure continuity of care, including a permanent dental home for any potential clients. He or she will interface with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to assure that any recommendations meet or exceed the current guidelines in the Babies Too! Project.

**PROJECT DELIVERABLES:** This project will result in multiple project deliverables for the student. First, the student will develop a written and oral presentation that reviews current research and current integrated practice in the state, including a cost benefit analysis that takes into consideration health care cost savings, readiness for school. The student will work to estimate the potential number of clients for each KCHD clinic location.

After collecting all necessary information, the student will make a written recommendation for or against offering this service with supporting documentation. If offering the program looks promising, the student will provide a written start up plan that includes all necessary materials, equipment, space allocation, staffing, training, and coordination with dental providers in the community. A budget, including staff time and interpretation costs as well as billable services, should be developed. The student will work to prove sustainability past and given grant period. Marketing materials for clinic staff to use, as well as a press release will be created. The student may also obtain video for loop play in the clinic waiting rooms. Recruitment materials to pique interest in staff in becoming a provider of this service will also be created.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Students applying for this internship should be enrolled in a master's degree program. Computer proficiency is required. Interested students should also be comfortable with public speaking, have the ability to professionally interface with organizations and key stakeholders, and the ability to learn how to navigate the complex state and local public health and oral health systems.

**COMPETENCIES:** The student selected for this internship opportunity should expect to develop public health skills and competencies in the following categories:

- Analytical and Assessment Skills
- Policy Development and Program Planning Skills
- Communication Skills
- Cultural Competency Skills
- Community Dimensions of Practice Skills
- Financial Planning and Management Skills
- Leadership and Systems Thinking Skills